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Mary
McLeod

Bethune

Reading Passages &
comprehension questions

Equal
Rights for
ALL!!



Mary McLeod Bethune

Lexile: 850



Fighting for equal rights in education, Mary McLeod Bethune paved the way that all students could get an education. Mary worked for the acceptance of African Americans and women. She believed in tolerance, which is the understanding that people may believe in ideas that are different than your own.

One of seventeen brothers and sisters, Mary McLeod Bethune was born in the state of South Carolina in 1875. Her parents were slaves. They were freed. Mary was the first child to be born free. Mary grew up on a farm and had to work often. Mary's parents did not get to have much of an education. They wanted Mary to have the education that they did not get to have. Mary went to a school that was only for African Americans. When she graduated, she wanted to become a missionary. A missionary is someone who wants to tell others about their faith. She wanted to become a missionary, but she was told that because she was an African American, she could not be a missionary. She would then decide to become a teacher.

A minister would ask Mary McLeod Bethune to start a school in Florida. Mary would have it on her heart to teach African American girls. It was hard to start a school with little to no money, so she would use boxes and crates to use for the students as chairs and desks. Mary's school opened in 1904. Her school would later become a college where girls, in addition to learning to read, do math, and write, would learn how to sew, cook, and how to care for a home.

As Mary's college would join a boy's college and become Bethune-Cookman college, she would later become its president. She would found the National Council of Negro Women. She would advise four presidents including Franklin D. Roosevelt! She is remembered today for working so tirelessly that all people, regardless of the color of their skin, and whether a person is a man or a woman, has equal rights.

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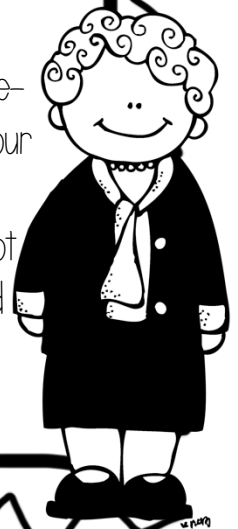
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Lexile: 850 Mary Mcleod Bethune Comprehension Questions:

Name: _____

Make sure that when you answer these questions, you highlight or underline exactly where you found the information you used for your answers.

1.) Who is this passage written about?

2.) What did this person do that they should be remembered by?

3.) When was this person born? _____

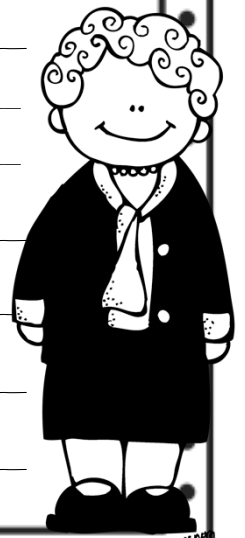
4.) Where was this person born and where did this person live?

5.) Why should we remember this person?

6.) How did this person show diligence (work hard without giving up)?

7.) Create three questions based on what you read.

8.) Summarize this passage in three to five sentences.



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2.) What did this person do that is important?

3.) When was this person born? _____

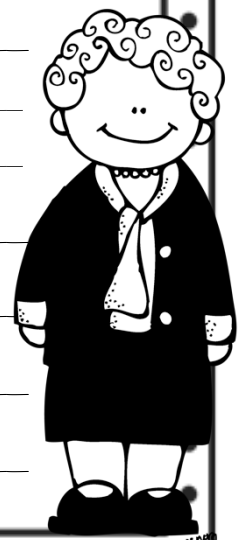
4.) Where was this person born and where did this person live?

5.) What do I need to remember about them?

6.) How did this person work hard?

7.) Make up three questions that you have about this person.

8.) Write your own paragraph about the person in three to five sentences.



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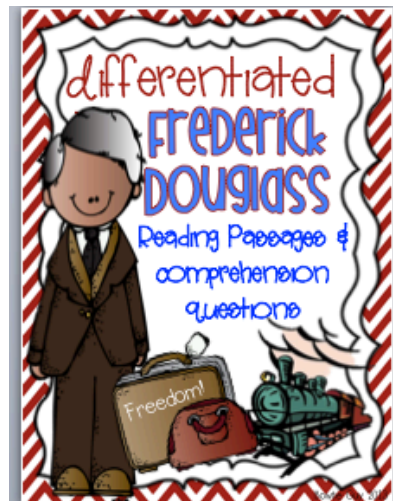
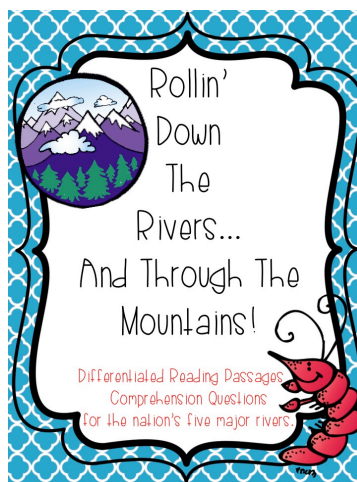
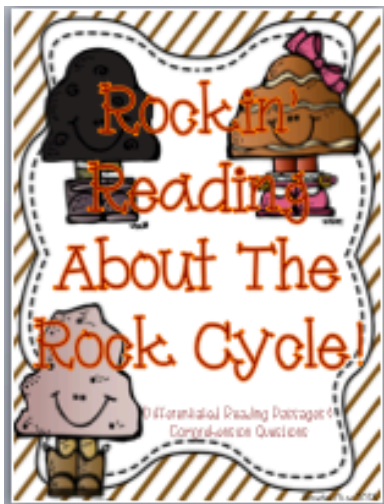
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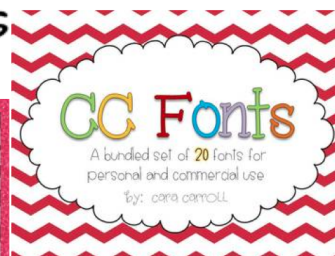
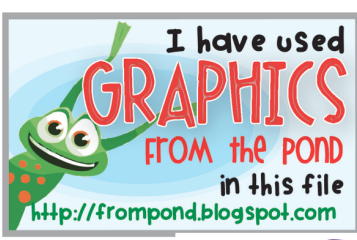
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